

for another year. Your servant, the church's present pastor was unanimously chosen to succeed his pastorate that he was about to close. I appreciate the brotherly love that exists among this class. One devoted sister remarked after some discussion about hard times, "We will raise our pastor's support if I am obliged to go out and raise it by five cent donations." I fear no trouble on that line when I have such backing. Our protracted meeting was cut short by the diphtheria rage in this locality. We lost two of our good members. They left us to join that happy band in glory. The work is encouraging. We expect refreshing showers of grace divine. I am, for the first time in ten years, or will be January 1, 1897, engaged for only three Sundays in a month. I will have one vacant Sabbath, but then the Lord knows best, and we will occupy in such work as will accord with his word. Yours Fraternally,

J. A. PALMER.

Roanoke, Ind.

KUNKEL, OHIO.

One week ago Wednesday Laura E. N. Grossnickle commenced a series of meetings here. The spirit of conviction has manifested itself in a few instances, but no conversions yet. Let all who believe in prayer lift their hearts unto God for the spiritual encouragement of our revivalist and conversion of many souls. Let no words of discouragement come. Should we fail of getting a convert we will be rewarded a thousand times for our effort. We will have our church revived and preserve some who might otherwise fall away. The roaring lion who has destroyed souls by the tens of thousands, and judging the future by the past will send his countless thousand to that land where poison flows instead of water, and where serpents hiss and crawl. If human nature is so depraved that the most earnest pleading of God's best children is not able to turn the sinners to God then it is also so depraved that it takes our best efforts in God's service whether in building our own eternal character or saving souls for Christ to be able to say like Paul that neither height nor depth nor nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of God.

In the great beyond we shall not regret how many sore crosses we bore for our fallen, but shall only rejoice the more as our cross was great. It is hoped that all Christians will give this vicinity their best wishes for our spiritual welfare.

Dec. 17.

ADAM EBERLY.

MONTOUR, IOWA.

December 5, I started from my home to visit the Brooklyn church, being un-

called and unsolicited. Sunday I met the church in public worship. Sorry to say the attendance was small, cold and indifferent, yet we tried to talk to them as best we could. On Sunday evening we decided to hold meeting until the next Sunday evening. Our congregations increased until we had a good house full of earnest, eager listeners. In our weakness we held up Christ and him crucified until the evening of the 13. There were no accessions to the church. But we believe there was a deep spiritual interest manifested by the members present. I shall never forget the parting hour, when all the little boys and girls came up on the stand and bade me good by. Then fathers and mothers in Israel took me by the hand with tears in their eyes, said, I feel I have been built up and strengthened, and encouraged to press forward. We believe a brighter day will dawn upon the church at Brooklyn.

May God bless the brethren, sisters and friends who so kindly treated me while among them, and that our prayers may ascend high up heaven's hill until we meet around God's throne.

FETTER HALL.

GLEANINGS BY THE WAYSIDE.

I am rejoicing in the good news that comes from all points of the compass that souls are coming to Christ, and God's servants are busy gleaning in the Master's field gathering sheaves for eternity. We began meeting at Maple Grove, Ind., December 10, and just when the meeting became interesting we got sick and had to close. Three souls had united with us in the short time we were there and prospect for more if we could have staid. We are at home at this writing. Hope to be able soon again to be in the field. Brethren, pray for us in our work for the Master, that souls may be converted to Christ and find salvation through him.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

North Manchester, Ind.

LANARK, ILL.

The last Lord's day of the year 1896 is gone into eternity. We do not realize what that word means now, but we shall know hereafter. On the pages of the lives of three precious souls are recorded this fact. "This day I gave my heart and my life to Christ." These three were baptized Sunday evening, and Wednesday evening before we baptized a husband who now stands and says: "Wife, come with me and we will travel this heavenly road together." Monday evening, Dec. 29, Brother Livengood goes to Mil ledgeville to assist Brother Talley in a series of meetings.

B. F. PUTERBAUGH.

SYRACUSE, IND.

We reorganized our Sunday school yesterday and will strive to keep it alive through the winter. We surely need spiritual food in the winter as well as in warm weather. We are few in number at this place, also financially weak, but we feel rich in God's blessings to us. We resolved to try to do more in the coming year, if our lives are spared, than we have ever done for the cause of our Master. God help us to carry out our resolutions.

The majority of our school obligated themselves to begin on New Year's day at the first chapter of Matthew and read one chapter each day, until they read through the New Testament, at least as far as to Revelation. A sort of reading circle you may call it. Now how many of the Brethren schools in Indiana, or in the brotherhood, will join with us in this? No difference how often we have read it before, we can still learn more. It would be a grand thing to know that thousands were joined in this circle and were reading the same lesson together on the same day. We also intend to send the collections taken on the first Sunday of each quarter to the Chicago Mission. Our school is small, hence our collection will not be very large, but we give it in His name, and hope it may be the means of doing some good. We have a great deal of opposition to overcome at this place. Only yesterday we were told that the Brethren Church has no right to exist as an organization, and all such nonsense, but thank God, his grace is sufficient for us, and though heaven and earth shall pass away his Word shall not pass away. Brethren pray for us, that we may continue faithful to the end.

REBECCA GALLAGHER.

NORTH GEORGETOWN, O.

The brethren contemplate holding a revival meeting, commencing Jan. 10, 1897, and continue at least two weeks. Brother Kimmel, our pastor, is a great worker, and we trust that the Lord will bless his efforts and bring to Christ many who are yet out in the mountain of sin. One accession to the church a short time ago. A very prominent young man, whose parents are strong G. B.'s and his wife a Lutheran, came out on the Lord's side making the Brethren Church his home. May the Lord always be with him and bless him is our prayer. Great preparations are being made for a Christmas entertainment. Sunday-school every Sabbath and doing good work.

Dec. 18, '96.

G. A. RUFF.

Many an honest heart beats under a ragged coat.